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Agricultural Summary: The state of Colorado is finally experiencing above average amounts of moisture. Temperatures are still averaging above normal levels but not as extreme as the past few weeks. The improved conditions did little to advance crops this week due to the excessive amounts of moisture and the late timing. Producers were allowed 4.9 days in the field for operations.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	20	40	36	4
Last Week	29	43	28	0
Last Year	14	38	45	3

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	31	42	26	1
Last Week	39	44	17	0
Last Year	12	41	45	2

Small Grains: Spring barley was 96 percent turning color and 21 percent harvested in mostly good condition. Spring wheat was 79 percent turning color, 15 percent harvested and is rated in mostly good condition.

Row Crops: The 2008 corn crop was 96 percent silked, 26 percent doughed, and 3 percent dented with the crop in mostly fair to good condition last week. Sorghum was 77 percent headed and 59 percent turning color with the crop in mostly fair condition by week's end.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending August 10, 2008

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Spring Barley					
This Week	1	7	24	47	21
Last Year	0	2	23	44	31
Spring Wheat					
This Week	1	10	27	41	21
Last Year	0	3	28	44	25

Pasture, Range, and Hay: Pasture and range conditions across Colorado were rated mostly fair to very poor. Second cutting alfalfa was 85 percent complete while third cutting was 10 percent complete. The crop was rated in mostly good to fair condition.

Livestock: Death losses for cattle were rated average while sheep and lambs were rated just below average. Stored feed supplies were rated below average.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending August 10, 2008

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2008	22	29	34	12	3
Prev. Year - 2007	3	10	34	42	11
5-Year Avg.	14	22	35	24	5

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Development Ratings for Week Ending August 10, 2008

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Spring Barley				
Turning Color	96	87	100	97
Harvested	21	15	29	28
Spring Wheat				
Turning Color	79	65	97	95
Harvested	15	10	18	27
Corn				
Silked	96	80	96	85
Dough	26	16	34	24
Dent	3	0	3	2
Sorghum				
Headed	77	64	56	55
Turning Color	59	46	9	6
Dry Beans				
Flowered	80	72	73	74
Alfalfa				
2 nd Cutting	85	78	91	81
3 rd Cutting	10	8	4	7
Dry Onions				
Harvested	1	0	0	6
Summer Potatoes				
Harvested	3	0	2	8

COLORADO CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION RATINGS ^{1/}

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Spring Barley	1	7	24	47	21
Spring Wheat	1	10	27	41	21
Corn	8	14	33	32	13
Alfalfa	1	8	32	42	17
Dry Onions	3	3	22	57	15
Summer Potatoes	8	8	15	53	16
Fall Potatoes	0	7	25	47	21
Dry Beans	1	2	27	58	12
Sugarbeets	3	4	24	47	22
Sunflowers	13	18	33	24	12
Sorghum	11	20	46	22	1
Livestock	1	8	22	62	7

^{1/} Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.